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**Sent:** Thur 3/17/2016 12:03:44 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Topics List for 3/18 Administrator Weekly Email & Communiques -- Deadline Thursday at noon  
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Good morning All,

Below are lists of items/topics for Joel's weekly email to Gina or to be submitted as a communique. OST is responsible for 2 communiques and a blurb on the White House Summit for the weekly email.

Communiques:

- **□□□□□□□□ Cadmium ALC:** (OST) DAA signature anticipated 3/24. *Included in Admin weekly email on 3/04.*

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Weekly email:

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Although there is no real deadline for the communiques, I would recommend that we prepare them so Betsy can send them to Joel by Monday. (See below for material I received for cadmium from Kathryn; attached is an example communique.)

The weekly email items are due to Karen today by 1pm so please send it to me by 12noon.

Cadmium

- - EPA is preparing to announce release of the updated national 304(a) recommended aquatic life water quality criteria for cadmium via a March 30, 2016 Federal Register notice. The acute toxicity database for cadmium increased greatly since 2001; there are 27 additional freshwater species and 33 additional saltwater species included in the 2016 acute test dataset that were not in the 2001 dataset.

Six new freshwater species chronic tests are also included in the 2016 criteria dataset. The criteria document underwent vigorous internal and external peer review and was released as draft on November 30, 2015 for a 60-day public comment period. EPA revised the draft criteria considering public comments. Once finalized, EPA's water quality criteria for cadmium will provide recommendations to states and tribes authorized to establish water quality standards under the Clean Water Act.

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Thanks in advance.

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Dear Special Assistants,

Below please find a list of possible topics for the 3/18 Administrator Weekly Email and communiques list. If you could please send the Administrator Weekly Email write-ups no later than noon on Thursday (3/17).

**Possible Topics for 3/18 Administrator Weekly Email:**

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**Communiques:**

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Thank you,

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## 3/11 Weekly is below for reference:

Administrator and company – Here's the OW weekly update. As noted below, I'll be out of the office on travel to Gulfport next Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday.

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